

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

There is one thing certain: A woman will have to spend all of next winter apologizing to her family if she lets her preserves burn.

"Even the hen when it drinks water looks toward heaven," says a Turkish phrase maker. But it doesn't rain corn, bugs and worms.

It is the opinion of every boy that if boys were as polite as mothers said they should be, all the boys in the world would starve to death.

When daughter paints a marine view it is so realistic to mother that mother feels the salt spray dashing in her face when she looks at it.

The neighbors, as a rule, do not condemn the man who smokes half as quickly as they condemn the woman who won't let her husband smoke.

Wearing green and yellow at the same time is not in any worse taste than for a tall woman to take the arm of her little bit of a husband in public.

That annual story about the demand for an army of harvest hands in Kansas is getting to be what a distinguished Kansas man would have called "diaphanous."

An English physician says "silence will cure nervous women and delay the coming of wrinkles." May fool British women that way, but not the wide-awake American girl.

A writer in a weekly magazine says there are one hundred thousand anarchists in Spain. Is it any wonder that Alfonso has displayed signs of pessimism concerning the future?

An envious exchange, noting the report that Cincinnati telephone girls are going to take boxing lessons in order to protect themselves, meanly intimates that what they need most is talking lessons.

We are pleased to see so many of our citizens taking pride in their homes. The word "home" next to that of "mother" is the greatest ever uttered by a human tongue. What a refuge the home is when the darkness gathers. How glad one is to get a glimpse of home when time and space separated him from it if even but for a brief period.

Ernest had been absent for several days. His teacher asked the "circle" if any one could tell why Ernest did not come to school. One little hand went up and its owner said: "Please, teacher, he's sick—he's got the chicken coops." Another girl was absent. "Can any one tell me why Marie is away?" asked this same teacher. Paty gave the reason as he piped out: "Marie's got an illustrated tooth."

"One hot day last summer I saw a man digging a trench in one of the streets," says a lawyer. "He was wearing a black derby and it looked to me as if he were in imminent danger of sunstroke, so I stopped to speak to him. 'You oughtn't to be working out there in the sun with a black felt hat on,' I said. 'It will affect your brain.' He looked up at me unperturbed. 'Do you think if I had any brains to be affected I'd be doing this work?'"

"It is fashionable," said a rich man, "to spend the summer in Norway. The Norwegian rivers abound in fish, and any one is free to angle for trout in them. Some of the salmon rivers rent for as much as \$2,000 a year. I know a man who has a river that he pays \$1,800 for. He often gets fish of 60 or 70 pounds. I called on him last year, his wife came in with a 40-pounder, a 22-pounder and a 51-pounder that she had caught herself within three hours."

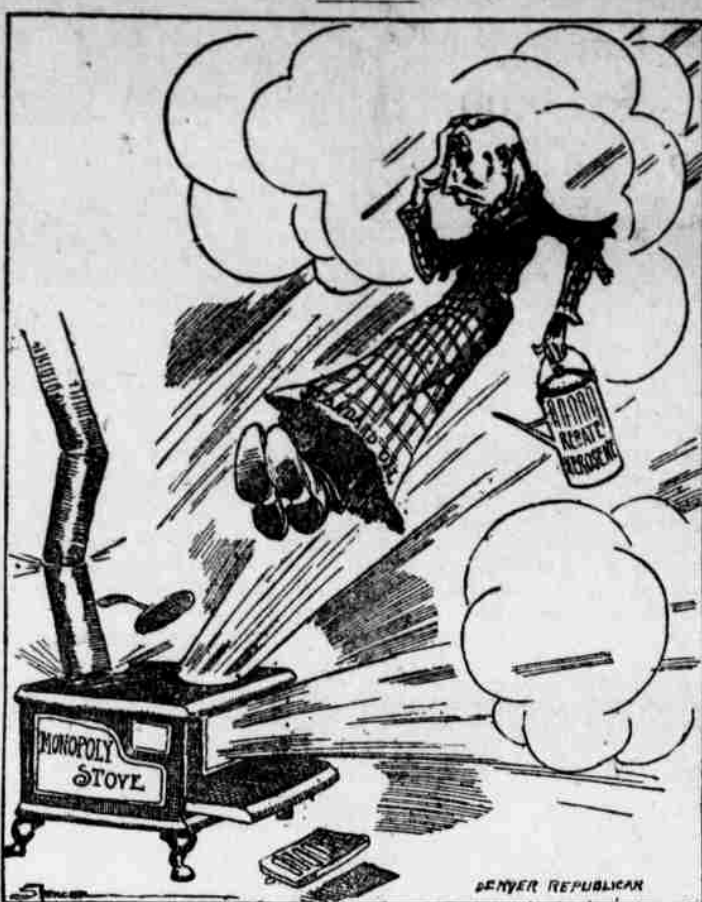
There lives in Alabama a man who has a tender heart, and a high appreciation of his congressman. Some days ago this gentleman wrote a letter to his congressman, in which he said: "I saw in the newspaper that a congressman committed suicide the other day on account of financial difficulties. I hasten to send you \$10, and there is more if you need it." The congressman has been showing the letter to his jealous colleagues, whose constituents do not send them money, and even threatening to refuse them their votes.

Two large photographs of the bust of John Paul Jones now form a part of the collection of pictures in the navy department library. These photographs of the first American admiral were presented to the navy department by J. Pierpont Morgan, and are photographs of the celebrated Marquis de Biron bust of John Paul Jones, for which Mr. Morgan paid \$25,000. One is in profile and the other in full face. They are said to be the best likeness of the naval hero extant, and are printed in chrome tint, making them very beautiful.

The Madonna has at all times been a favorite theme for the painter. There is something so beautiful and sacred in the love of a mother for her helpless child that it could not but appeal to him who devotes his life to the immortalizing of beauty wherever he can find it. In the painting under consideration there is something more than the mere expression of this tender emotion. There are two charming faces and an unusually interesting assemblage of accessories. To allow these accessories to predominate would be to make chaos.

Many amusing stories are told of Theodore C. Weeks, the banker and broker, who died a short time ago. Mr. Weeks went into the office of the late Irving A. Evans, in the Fluke building, and said to Mr. Evans: "I wish you would lend me \$5." Mr. Evans, who was somewhat hard of hearing, put his hand to his ear and said: "What?" Mr. Weeks, taking courage, said: "I wish you would lend me \$10." Mr. Evans handed out the money with the remark: "I wish I had heard you the first time. I would have been better off."

IT HAD TO COME.



The Combination Has at Last Produced the Inevitable Result.

## THE GOVERNOR OF INDIANA



### WON'T GO TO PANAMA

SENATE COMMITTEE ON OCEANIC CANALS SO DECIDES.

By Agreement, No Testimony Will Be Taken Until Next Session—Cromwell's Case.

Washington—By a vote of 6 to 5 the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals decided not to go to the isthmus of Panama and take testimony in the final investigation.

By agreement no testimony will be taken in Washington until next session, and therefore the disposition of William Nelson Cromwell's refusal to testify concerning canal matters prior to governmental ownership of the property will be postponed until next December.

The action of the committee carries with it an adjournment until next December, which will postpone action on the nominations of canal commissioners. It is expected the commissioners will be reappointed during the recess of congress.

**What Populists Did at St. Louis.**  
St. Louis—The national conference of the people's party clubs adjourned sine die, after adopting a platform which will be presented at the national convention in 1908, denouncing William J. Bryan; passing the Forrest resolution, which delegates say, gives Hearst virtual control of the populist party, and adopting a resolution outlining campaign plans for the coming fall election.

**Tornado Strikes an Oklahoma Town.**  
Tittsawah, Okla.—This town was practically demolished by a tornado at night. Nearly every building was torn from its foundation, and in most instances carried a considerable distance. No one was seriously hurt; the people took to cyclone cellars. Heavy loss of live stock and crops is reported.

**Turks Denounce Our Butters.**  
Constantinople—The uproar over food products in America has had an echo here. Several Turkish newspapers denounced the quality of imported American butter, and the government caused an inquiry to be made.

**Senate Ratifies Treaty With Mexico.**  
Washington—The senate, in executive session, ratified the treaty with Mexico concerning the division of the waters of the Rio Grande river for irrigation purposes.

**Aimed at Elevator Trust.**  
Washington—The senate passed Senator La Follette's joint resolution extending the scope of the inquiry now being conducted by the interstate commerce commission so as to include the transportation and storage of grains. The resolution is an effort to investigate what is known as the elevator trust.

**Author of a National Hymn Dead.**  
Toronto, Ont.—Alexander Muir, author of Canada's national hymn, "The Maple Leaf," died suddenly.

**An Important Item.**  
Washington—Among the important items in the general deficiency bill passed by the house was one ratifying and legalizing the duties collected during President McKinley's term from imports from the Philippines.

**Plead "Not Guilty."**  
New York—Harry K. Thaw plead "not guilty" to the indictment of murder in the first degree before Judge Cady in the court of general sessions.

**House Passed Immigration Bill.**  
Washington—The house passed the immigration bill, minus the \$5 head tax and the educational test.

### DECLARES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ON VERGE OF A GREAT REVOLUTION

Terre Haute, Ind.—At the graduation exercises of a class of 98 at the Indiana normal school here, Gov. Hanly, in his address, speaking of corruption in all walks of life, said:

"The American people are on the verge of a great revolution, great and sudden economic and social changes. These changes will restore the equal rights of men and the happiness of the people. Most of the progress of the age is due to evolution, slow and imperceptible, but these are times when conditions are so hardened that a revolution is needed."

### Told In 2 Lines

Reported President Elliott of Northern Pacific will resign.

Salvador is aiding the rebels in Guatemala.

Judge Webb, Fort Worth (Tex.) jurist, kills himself.

Tennessee republicans will nominate Evans for governor.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co. has quit France.

Funeral of "Immortal J. N." largest ever held at McCutchenville, O.

Allen Ruxter, 20, ground to a pulp in dough mixer at Tracy City, Tenn.

Former Gov. Hughes of Arkansas died at Little Rock.

Many killed by intense heat in Spain. Country a furnace.

Geo. Schwartz, 23, Tell City, Ind., goes to prison for killing brother.

Christian church at Foster, Mo., struck by lightning three times.

Burlington rebate cases at Kansas City will be appealed.

Reported Champ Clark will oppose Stone for U. S. senate in Missouri.

M. P. Bewley, miller and capitalist, dead at Fort Worth, Tex.

Mrs. A. O. Sumpton, Salina, Kas., killed herself, dressed in black.

Railroad construction first half of year breaks record.

Vermont democrats and independents fuse on republican for governor.

Wm. Gohlson, large property owner of Cairo, Ill., is dead.

Five thousand building tradesmen return to work at St. Louis.

Mrs. J. C. Weaver, prominent at Dallas, Tex., died unexpectedly.

Rev. Robert Reid, aged Presbyterian minister, dead at Shawneetown, Ill.

Revolution in Honduras is looked for at an early date.

The czar's own regiment threatens mutiny.

Mayor Bidaman of Terre Haute refuses to remain ousted.

Mrs. Patsy, 70, Kansas City, Mo., burned herself to death.

Every saloon in Winchester, Ind., out of business; hotel closed.

## FIRST SESSION OF THE 59TH CONGRESS

ITS WORK ENDED AND MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES WERE PASSED.

**The Struggle Over the Railroad Rate Bill and Meat Inspection Has Ended—Lock Type for Panama Canal, the Pure Food and the Regular Appropriation Bills Passed.**

Washington—The work of the first session of the fifty-ninth congress is at an end. All the regular appropriation bills passed, and several important measures which have attracted the attention of the entire country have become laws.

Railroad rate bill passed only a few hours before the closing, and, according to the provisions of the measure, will become a law within 60 days. The senate agreed to the conference report.

Lock canal bill passed both houses and was signed by the president. This means that the congress stands committed to the lock type of canal across the isthmus of Panama.

Pure food bill and the naturalization bill became laws through the signature of the president.

**Meat Inspection.**—The senate agreed to the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill, which carried with it the meat inspection legislation desired by the administration, and the measure passed. The government pays the cost of inspection, and there will be no date on labels of canned packing house products.

**WORSER THAN CARRIE NATION.**

Kansas Officials Destroy Liquor and Bar Fixtures and On the Hunt for More.

Kansas City, Kas.—The anti-saloon crusade at Kansas City, Kas., has been renewed with increased vigor. In addition to destroying stocks of liquor and bar fixtures, C. W. Trickett, the assistant attorney-general appointed by Gov. Hoch to enforce the prohibition law, threatened to demolish saloon buildings if the owners persisted in renting their places to joint-keepers.

Atty-Gen. Trickett has sent out warnings to property owners, which read:

"This is to notify you that if you permit said premises to be again used for the sale of intoxicating liquors, so as to make necessary the issuance of a second writ of abatement, I SHALL ORDER THE PREMISES SUFFICIENTLY DEMOLISHED SO THAT NO THIRD TRIP WILL BE NECESSARY, and in addition will cite you for contempt of court in aiding and assisting in violating the order of the court."

There are about one hundred saloons in Kansas City, Kas., about fifty of which have been closed. The officials continue to spill liquor and break up costly bars, tables and other furniture, and to search for more.

**BREAKERS AHEAD FOR CZAR.**

His Cabinet is Unpopular, and the Army Disloyal, From Officers Down to Men.

St. Petersburg—The campaign in parliament to compel the emperor to dismiss the Goremykin cabinet, and accept the principle of a responsible ministry, promises to be successful. M. Pobedonostoff, the procurator general of the holy synod, is said to have advised the emperor to do this as the only means of preserving the throne.

News from the provinces shows that general anarchy is growing. The army is honeycombed with sedition. The Preobrazhensky regiment, the czar's own, has proved disloyal. Soldiers along the German and Austrian frontier are disorderly. Very little reliance can be placed in the army, from officers to men, to uphold the present regime.

**The Heat Wave.**  
St. Louis—Intense heat has prevailed throughout the Mississippi valley. Harvest hands have suffered, and in cities and towns many prostrations and a number of deaths are reported. Violent rains and wind storms have resulted in localities, accompanied by destruction of life, property and crops.

**Ended by Killing Himself.**  
Philadelphia—Falling in his attempt to kill his wife, Charles Dougherty shot and seriously wounded Sabina Dougherty, his pretty 17-year-old daughter, when she interfered to save her mother, accidentally shot his sister-in-law, Alice Brennan, (in the shoulder, and then deliberately blew out his own brains.

**A Knife Play in the House.**  
Washington—Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, is it stated, drew a knife, in the house, and attempted to stab Representative Southwick, of New York.

**London Flooded.**  
London—Owing to a fearful rain and wind storm, and an extremely high tide in the Thames, London is flooded. Railroad tracks are submerged, and basements of newspaper offices so badly flooded as to delay publication.

**President Signed 36-Hour Bill.**  
Washington—The president signed what is known as the "36-hour law." This is the act extending the time in which cattle or other live stock may be confined in transit while being shipped to market.

**Six Men Killed in Explosion.**  
Eveleth, Minn.—Six men lost their lives in a powder explosion at the Mohawk mine, between Eveleth and Aurora. All unmarried. Supposed that one of the men was getting out dynamite, which is used in sticks, and that the flame of his candle touched it.

**Rival of the Steel Combine.**  
Pittsburg, Pa.—It is stated that John W. Gates is at the head of a plan to formulate a rival to the United States Steel Corporation.

**Yale Defeats Harvard.**  
New London, Conn.—Yale defeated Harvard in the big boat race. The sons of "Old Eli" were nearly a boat length to the good at the finish.

## BRAVE MEN PERISH

TWO SACRIFICE LIVES IN EFFORT TO SAVE ANOTHER.

Heroic Deeds Performed by Workmen in a Factory in a Connecticut Town.

Waterbury, Conn.—Eugene Rowley, Frederick Scott and Dennis Sullivan were drowned here in 30 inches of crude petroleum which had settled at the bottom of one of the big pits in the yard of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co.

A huge fuel tank stood in the center of the pit. It was discovered that the tank was leaking. Rowley, the engineer in charge, came rushing to the scene, closely followed by Scott, his assistant, and Sullivan, a helper.

"If anything happens," cried Rowley, as he started down the ladder, "don't you boys come after me."

Half way down, Howley, overcome by the fumes, reeled, lost his hold and pitched into the escaping petroleum.

"I can't stand this," said Scott. "I'm going after him."

"Get a rope," warned Sullivan.

"No time," answered Scott.

Scott dropped unconscious almost at the first round. Then Sullivan shut his teeth.

"They're both got wives," he muttered, "and I'm Dennis Sullivan—that is, no good to anybody; here goes."

And, shaking off the men who tried to restrain him, he went over the side. In a moment he had joined the dead men soaking in the oozing fluid below.

Through the crowd came Wilber Babcock, superintendent of the Waterbury Brass Goods corporation. He was stripping off his coat as he ran.

"No use, Mr. Babcock," pleaded a fireman. "You're a dead man the minute you hit that ladder."

"Go to the devil!" yelled Babcock, and he started down. He collapsed almost at the pit's rim, but William Kearney caught him as he fell and dragged him back.

When the factory officials reached the scene they drove away the men and sought frantically to stop the flow of oil. The three bodies were recovered.

Babcock lies at his home in a critical condition.

**SAFETY APPLIANCES ON ROADS.**  
Atty-Gen. Moody Announces That the Government Will Prosecute for Violations of the Law.

Washington—Atty-Gen. Moody announces that all United States district attorneys have been instructed to begin a series of prosecutions against the railroads for violations of the provisions of the act requiring safety appliances on all railroad equipment in use. The announcement of the attorney general is due to the recommendations of the interstate commerce commission, which has been struggling with the roads for the past eight years in an effort to have the law enforced.

As a matter of fact, the announcement marks no radical departure on the part of the government as to the attitude taken under the law, but only serves to give notice that the delays which have been tolerated thus far will not be permitted longer. The interstate commerce commission itself has successfully prosecuted no less than 600 cases against the railroads for failure to comply with the law. In every case the railroad was convicted in the courts, and under the law was fined \$100 for each offense proven.

**A BIG MERGER AT ST. LOUIS.**

Street Car Lines, Electric Light and Power and Gas Practically Controlled by One Corporation.

St. Louis—After months of negotiations, the suburban street car lines have been absorbed by the United Railways Co., thus placing all the traction lines in the city and western suburbs under control of the North American Co., owner of the United Railways. The North American Co. will now control not only the street car business of the city, but also the gas and electric light and power companies, with the exception of one comparatively small concern. The United Railways have a mileage of 363 and the Suburban 110.

**EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH WALES.**

Populace Thought San Francisco Calamity Was About to Be Repeated.

Cardiff, Wales—Violent earthquakes were experienced throughout South Wales. Houses rocked, and many of the cheaper ones were damaged. Hundreds of chimneys fell, pictures were shaken from walls, occupants of dwellings were thrown to the ground and people fled from their houses, shrieking that the San Francisco disaster was to be repeated. Though there were many narrow escapes there were no casualties so far as known.

Earthquake shocks, accompanied by loud rumblings, were also felt at Bristol, Ilfracombe and elsewhere.

**Englishman to Inspect Meat.**

New York—Lieut.-Col. Percy Eyre Hobbs has arrived from England, coming to inspect meat intended for use in the British army.

**Gov. Cobb of Maine Renominated.**  
Portland, Me.—The republicans renominated Gov. Wm. T. Cobb, of Rockland, for a second term as chief executive.

**For Governor of Pennsylvania.**  
Harrisburg, Pa.—Lewis Emery, Jr., of Bradford, was nominated for governor on the first ballot by the democratic state convention here.

**Policemen and Naturalization.**  
New York—An investigation is now being made into the naturalization of all naturalized members of the New York police force. Any whose papers are fraudulent will not only be dismissed, it is understood, but will be prosecuted by the United States authorities.

**Yale Defeats Harvard.**  
New London, Conn.—Yale defeated Harvard in the big boat race. The sons of "Old Eli" were nearly a boat length to the good at the finish.

## ALL OVER THE STATE

Thomas' Reports Not in Files.

Jefferson City—It has developed that the monthly reports, which should have been made by former Treasurer Thomas of the state insane asylum at Fulton, are not on file in the auditor's office for the years 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900, with the exception of the first three months of 1897. Whether they were made and were then taken from the office, or whether their presentation and submission was not demanded, is something unknown. Thomas' shortage of more than \$40,000 is now being inquired into at Fulton, with the view of ascertaining the liability of the bondsmen, several of whom are claiming exemption under the statute of limitations. These missing reports may have a bearing upon the contention urged by the bondsmen, in that there may be greater difficulty in showing that the peculations were really committed by Thomas.

**Lovelorn, or Just Crazy?**

Clayton—The dead body of Bernard Coakley, or A. G. Dunn, was found hanging to the limb of a tree in a secluded spot in Maplewood. It is thought that he committed suicide because of a love affair with Miss Ella Beach, of 3222 Franklin avenue, St. Louis, who says Coakley became so ardent in his suit that she suspected his sanity and refused to have anything to do with him. Coakley represented himself as a traveling salesman from New York. Information from Gotham substantiates this, and adds that his right name is A. J. Dunn, and that he recently deserted his wife and children, who, believing he had been mysteriously murdered, have gone to Mrs. Dunn's old home in Ireland.

**Missouri Press Association.**

Hannibal—The convention of the Missouri Press association opened with President Southern, of the Jackson Independence-Examiner, presiding, and J. V. Bremberger, of the Memphis Democrat, at the desk. All the officers were present. The invocation was by Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of Park M. E. church, and Mayor O'Brien delivered the address of welcome. Among others, President Jesse of the state university at Columbia was called on for a speech, and responded. He complimented the editors for their educational work, and discussed on general topics. William H. Wallace spoke on "Grand Old Missouri."

**Killed on Eve of Marriage.**

Kansas City—The dead body of Dr. C. L. Spaulding, aged 37, a prominent physician, was found at the bottom of an elevator shaft at Eighteenth and McGee streets. Spaulding, who had an office on the third floor of the uncompleted building, is believed to have accidentally fallen into the shaft, which was not, it is alleged, properly protected. He was to have married the niece of David T. Beals, a banker, within a few days.

**Frog in Man's Stomach Croaks.**

Metz—R. Stewart, aged 33, a farmer, consulted a local physician for an operation to remove a live frog from his stomach. He says the frog jumped into his mouth while he was lying on the ground, 21 years ago, and that it croaks after each meal, and shows a restless disposition when he misses a meal.

**How He Would Postpone Death.**

Mount Vernon—Edward Bateman, under sentence of death, insists that he ought to be allowed to serve a two years' penitentiary sentence, previously passed upon him, before he is hanged.

**Sentenced for Illegal Voting.**

Kansas City—John Feely and John Housie pleaded guilty to illegal voting at the recent election, and each was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

**Death Under the Wheels.**

Holston—William P. Wiggins, a traveling salesman, was drawn by suction from the station platform by the "Katy Flyer" and mangled to death.

**Double St. Joseph Tragedy.**  
St. Joseph—Adelbert Bulles and wife were found dead in their home, with indications of murder and suicide. They had been dead several days.

**Homestead Land Going Fast.**

Springfield—There are at present 100,000 acres of Missouri land subject to homestead or cash entry, a decrease of one-third since July 1, 1905.

**Bland Appointed Police Commissioner.**  
Jefferson City—Gov. Folk has appointed Theodore N. Bland as police commissioner of St. Louis. He will pay special attention to bucket shops.

**Mellette Named for State Senator.**  
Springfield—Judge J. E. Mellette, former mayor, was nominated for state senator by the republicans of the Twentieth district at Lamar.

**Farmer Drinks Carbolic Acid.**  
Perryville—Lawrence Moranville, aged 50, a farmer near here, drank carbolic acid and died before medical aid could be summoned.

**Building Trades Strike Off.**  
St. Louis—Six thousand striking members of the Building Trades council have settled their differences and returned to work.

**Dead Body Found in Pasture.**  
Russell—The badly decomposed body of an unidentified man, about 45 years old, was found in the Brayshaw pasture northeast of here.

**Folk Speaks at Trenton.**  
Trenton—More than 7,000 people listened to an address by Gov. Folk at the opening of the nine-day session of the Trenton Chautauqua.

**Train Kills Railroad Man.**  
St. Charles—Alex Thompson, of Big Springs, an employee of the M., K. & T. shops here, was struck by a passenger train and killed.

**Italian Band Leader Dead.**  
Kansas City—Alberto G. Rosati, leader of Rosati's Royal Italian band, died at University hospital from an operation for appendicitis.

**Lightning Damages Telephones.**  
Marshall—A severe electrical storm did much damage to telephones in Se line county; destroyed three barns.

## BIG INCREASE IN PRICES.

Cost of Living Advanced 48 Per Cent. Under Influence of Monopoly.

The cost of living is now 47 per cent. higher than on July 1, 1897, without including rent, though it is safe to say that rent keeps pace with the increased cost of building materials. As everyone pays these increased prices, it is important to know what has caused such an enormous advance. It should be first noted that the present trust-fostering tariff law went into effect July 24, 1897, and that almost immediately the price of all protected articles began to advance in this country, although there was no similar rapid advance of prices in other countries. As this tariff law protected the American producers from competition it was very natural that they should increase the price they charged for their products to the point where foreign goods could be imported and pay the freight and costs and also the tariff duties averaging 50 per cent.

The large profits possible under the protective tariff induced the formation of trusts and combines to control the home market and this monopoly advanced prices to the highest limit. No figures or argument are necessary to prove the advance in prices, everyone who buys food or clothing, or pays rent, knows of the large increase from their daily experience. It is most exasperating to also know that the trusts and combines, which produce about all the necessities and luxuries of life, are selling their surplus stocks, after the American people have bought all they can afford, at much lower prices to foreigners than they charge our own people. As the tariff is a political issue, the Republican leaders and writers denied until lately this selling abroad cheaper than here, and denounced it as Democratic fabrication, but the evidence produced of the facts has now compelled them to admit it, and in sheer desperation boast of it as one evidence of prosperity. Yet if the trusts would offer this surplus to the American people at the same price as they sell to foreigners, our people would gladly buy this surplus at the reduced price, but that would naturally tend to decrease the demand for the high prices goods and lead to a reduction of the price of the whole trust productions.

There is another cause for the constant advance in prices, that is working the world over which is the extraordinary increase in the production of gold. As gold is the measure of values, when it becomes more plentiful, it decreases in value—as measured by labor—and thus the prices of all classes of commodities—as measured by gold—are advancing to higher levels. But prices in the United States are so much higher than in other countries, especially in England, which is on a tariff for revenue basis, that there must be some great fundamental cause at work to produce so much higher prices here than elsewhere. As our high tariff taxes prevent the importation of foreign goods, which would compete with the trusts and combines, except to a limited extent of high class goods, we are at the mercy of monopolists banded to gether to plunder us.

To obtain relief from high prices, the tariff must be revised.

## TAINTED PROSPERITY.

Under Republican Rule the Rich Grow Richer and the Poor Poorer.

The cost of everything we need keeps going higher and higher, and the average advance has now reached 47 per cent. Only wages remain comparatively unchanged. This means that we are all growing poorer and poorer if we rely upon wages for a living, and not upon the profits of stock-jobbing or private monopolies. For this condition the party in power is responsible. It claims credit for everything else, let us give it credit also for the hard times produced by its adulterated, one-sided, tainted prosperity, which is breeding millionaires and paupers, tyrants and slaves, concentrated wealth and widespread poverty. The times are ripe, either for honest reform, led by men of genuine democratic principles, or else for revolution led by Catalines and Caesars. The indictment of a few Burtons and Mitchells, a few Gilletts and Perkins, and the like, will not suffice. The people must and will overthrow a system which gives to private monopolies the benefits of their labor. If Democracy is too weak to resist the powers that have grown up by reason of Republican policies, then socialism, springing from these same policies, will rise up and confiscate all wealth for the government. If you believe in the right of private property and personal freedom, join with the Democrats in bringing about the needed reforms.